

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 116

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A RESOLUTION to designate the administration building at the
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Complex in Knoxville in honor of Fred B. Corum.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding public servant is Mr. Fred B. Corum, Regional Director of Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Operations in Region 1, a position he has held since 1985; and

WHEREAS, as Regional Director for the twenty-four county area of East Tennessee, Mr. Corum's major operational responsibilities include highway maintenance and repair, construction engineering, traffic and highway marking, bridge repair and inspection, state aid program and administration, materials and tests, highway beautification, environmental planning, design, right-of-way, and office administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Corum began his esteemed career with the Tennessee Department of Transportation in 1956 when he was hired to work as a Rodman. He advanced to Senior Rodman in January of 1958 and began training as an Instrumentman later that same year; and

WHEREAS, named a Junior Engineer in 1962, Fred Corum continued his climb up the TDOT ladder in 1964, becoming a Party Chief, and in 1966, when he was selected to become a Project Manager; and

WHEREAS, recognized and rewarded for his hard work, commitment, and expertise, Mr. Corum was promoted to District Maintenance Superintendent 2 in 1971, Assistant to the

Regional Maintenance Supervisor and Engineering Tech 3 in 1976, and Engineering Tech 4 (Regional Maintenance Supervisor) in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Fred Corum was named Assistant to the Engineering Director, rose to the post of Assistant Regional Director as Civil Engineering Manager 2 in 1984, and gained his present position on March 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Corum is a consummate professional who has demonstrated dedication, integrity, and an unrivaled level of competency during his distinguished fifty-two year career with the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Fred Corum enjoys the love and support of his wife of fifty-two years, Loretta; their devoted sons, Randy and Mike; their four beloved grandchildren; and one treasured great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Corum has performed all his duties with acumen and alacrity, and it is proper that he should be honored for his many invaluable contributions to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the administration building at the Tennessee Department of Transportation Complex in Knoxville is hereby designated the "Fred B. Corum Regional Administration Building" as a lasting tribute to one of the most outstanding citizens and public servants this State has ever produced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Department of Transportation is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the administration building at the TDOT Complex in Knoxville as the "Fred B. Corum Regional Administration Building".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.